**Contemporary UK Development Aid Conference Programme**

**University of Leeds, Thursday 6th July 2017**

**To attend, please register (free of charge) at: goo.gl/ErGdIk**

**9.30-10am Registration, Social Sciences Building, Rm, 14.33**.

**10-11am Panel One – Framing the Aid Debate**

Discussion with Dr Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson (UCL), Dr David Hudson (UCL), Dr Jonathan Fisher (Birmingham) and Dr Julia Galllagher (Royal Holloway).

**11-12.30 Panel Two – The Political Parties and Development Aid**

‘The United Kingdom and the 0.7 percent International Aid Target: Factors influencing attitudes amongst Conservative Parliamentarians’. Dr Tim Heppell (Leeds)

‘More than “brand-detoxification”? The Conservative Party and International development’. Dr Danielle Beswick (Birmingham)

‘Labour, International Development and Africa: transformation, politics or welfare?’Dr William Brown (Open)

**12.30-1.30 Lunch**

**1.30-3pm Panel Two – UK development Aid Issues**

‘Is 0.7% Enough? The UK’s Aid Programme.’ Dr Victoria Honeyman (Leeds)

‘UK Development Aid in Times of Austerity’. Dr Teresa Almeida Cravo (Coimbra)

‘”Charity begins at home?” A review of public opinion in Britain towards foreign aid spending.’ Dr Ben Clements (Leicester)

‘Exploring Brexit and the UK-ACP Aid Relationship.’ Dr Sophia Price (Leeds Beckett)

**3-3.30pm Refreshments**

**3.30-5pm Panel Three –The Impact of Aid**

‘Building Stability Overseas: A strategy without a policy?’ Andrew Johnstone (Bath)

‘Development Aid between austerity Measures and securitisation: Comparing German and British Overseas Development Assistance Budgets.’ Prof. Dr. Alexander Brand (Rhine-Waal)

‘The Balance of Power: Local NGO’s – UK Based International Organisations.’ Denisa Meirosu (Bucharest)

‘Risk and Uncertainty in democracy aid: Learning from UK Experience.’ Dr Susan Dodsworth (Birmingham) and Prof. Nic Cheeseman (Birmingham)

**5.30 – 7pm Politician and Practioners Panel**

Stephen Twigg (Lab) Chair of the International Development Committee; Pauline Latham (Cons), Member of the International Development Committee; Tom Cargill, British Foreign Policy Group; Dr Alex Vine OBE, Chatham House

**7pm Conference Closes**

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